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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/576,049	Applicant(s) BECK ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 03 March 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: video ~3:32 min:sec; copyright BASF Experimental product and regular product: video of two hydrogels side by side, added to aqueous solution, Left side product exhibiting exhibiting top-down and bottom-up solidification/gelling; right-side product exhibiting top-down solidification/gelling under timed conditions.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2 and 25.

Identification of prior art discussed: Engelhart (US 4,931,497); Lepere (WO 98/42193).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: During a telephone call with Applicant's representative, the gelling properties and solidification time of the instant hydrogel were discussed, along with the instant claimed hydrophobic compound component and prior art compounds; also discussed was incorporating claim language clarifying the gelling/solidification properties in structural language serving to disinguish the claimed invention over the prior art of record.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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